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SUBJ : NIGERIAN VETERAN LABOR LEADER DEAD

1. NATHANIEL OKON ESHIETT, FORMER DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OF THE TRADE UNION INSTITUTE (TUI) AND A VETERAN NIGERIAN LABOR LEADER, DIED AT ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE, ON APRIL 5, 1978, AT THE AGE OF 53.
2. ESHIETT WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTRE (AALC) AND THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST. RECENTLY, HE WON A LIBEL SUIT AGAINST THE NEW NIGERIAN NEWSPAPER WHICH HAD PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL CHARGING MTHAT ESHIETT WAS A CIA AGENT. THE COURT AWARDED 5,000 NAIRA DAMAGES.
3. A DYNAMIC LABOR LEADER FROM THE UNITED LABOR CONGRESS CAMP, ESHIETT ASPIRED TO BE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NEW NIGERIA LABOR CONGRESS(NLC). WITH HIS DEATH, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE POSITION OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NLC WILL GO TO THE ULC.
4. ESHIETT WILL BE BURIED IN HIS HOMETOWN IBENO-EKET, CROSS RIVER STATE APRIL 15, 1978
HE LEAVES A WIFE AND SEVEN CHILDREN.
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